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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE RUSSIAN PEACE OFFER.

TURNED DOWN BY AMERICA.

Washington, February 28.
The State Department announces that Soviet Russia's peace proposal will not be considered by the American Government.

AN IMPORTANT MEETING.

Copenhagen, February 28.
A message from Riga says the Foreign Ministers of Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Finland and Roumania are meeting shortly at Warsaw to discuss peace with the Soviet.

HOME RULE.

FEATURES OF THE NEW BILL.

London, February 28.
The text of the Home Rule Bill confirms, in the main, Mr. Lloyd George's remarks of December 22, also the forecast of a clean-cut with reference to the Protestant Counties. The Northern Parliament is described as consisting of the Parliamentary Counties of Antrim, Armagh, Down, Fermanagh, Londonderry and Tyrone, with the Parliamentary Boroughs of Belfast and Londonderry.

It is anticipated that the second reading will be taken before Easter.

The Labourites have already given notice of an amendment rejecting the Bill, as not leading to a settlement of the Irish problem. It is believed that a Unionist amendment will postpone self-government until law and order is restored.

MASSACRE OF ARMENIANS.

MORE TURKISH OUTRAGES.

London, February 28.
The Armenian Patriarchate at Constantinople telegraphs that the French evacuated Marash, in Cilicia, on the 9th instant, and on the following day 3,000 Armenians made their first exit and were massacred. Fifteen hundred others succeeded in reaching Ischia, but a great number were frozen. Out of 20,000 Armenians remaining at Marash, 16,000 were massacred.

The Times correspondent at Constantinople supplements the above by stating that the Nationalists have revived the policy of deportation and have massacred numerous convoys of deportees with the usual horrors.

PRINCE OF WALES A PRIVY COUNCILLOR.

London, March 2.
A Privy Council meeting was held by H.M. the King to-day, when the Prince of Wales was made a member. His introduction at the present juncture is explained by his impending departure for New Zealand and Australia.

THE TURKISH TREATY.

London, March 2.
The Supreme Council this morning took provisional decision on questions of principle relating to the naval and financial terms of the Turkish Treaty.

FOOD CONTROL TO CONTINUE.

London, February 28.
According to the Daily Chronicle, the Government has decided to continue the Food Ministry for five years and also to maintain the bread subsidy at the original figure of £50,000,000, placing the excess subsidy on the price of the loaf.

THE IRISH TROUBLE.

London, February 28.
The Dublin Gazette has "proclaimed" the counties of Dublin, Longford, Louth, Sligo, Waterford, Westmeath and Wicklow.

RECORD BILLIARD BREAK.

London, February 28.
Playing against Inman at Thurston's, Falkner made a break of 870, which is a record under revised rules. It occupied sixty-one minutes.

INTERNATIONAL "RUGGER."

London, February 28.
In a Rugby match Scotland beat Ireland by 19 to 1 at Edinburgh.

THE PROHIBITION QUESTION.

Augusta, U.S., February 28.
The Governor of Maine has announced that twenty-six States are co-operating against the Court action initiated by Rhode Island State seeking to have Prohibition declared unconstitutional.

BRITISH SECURITIES ON BERLIN BOURSE.

Berlin, February 28.
Foreign securities bills have again risen on the Bourse, in some cases considerably, particularly British Dominions securities. South Africa was specially favoured. They weakened at the close, owing to profit realisations.

AFRICAN AVIATION.

Cairo, February 27.
The Silver Queen arrived at Meanza yesterday and departed for Tabora to-day.

The Service Vickers Vimy is reported to have crashed down eighty miles northward of Wadyhalfa.

The D. H. 9 left Heluan for Australia and subsequently made Ramles, in Palestine, whence it will attempt a daring flight to Baghdad across the desert a distance of 620 miles.

The Times says the Vickers Vimy machine, bound for the Cape, arrived at Tabora at 12.30 on Thursday afternoon, but on continuing the journey from Tabora on Friday, the starboard engine cut out when the machine reached flying speed. It was impossible to save the machine, which crashed down and is beyond repair. The pilot and passenger are safe.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

FRENCH RAILWAY STRIKE.

PART OF REVOLUTIONARY PLOT.

Paris, February 28.
In ordering an immediate and complete stoppage of all railway work, the Executive of the Federation of Railwaymen admonishes the strikers to maintain the utmost calm and to refrain from all provocative acts. Meanwhile the companies are receiving numerous offers of help from civilian volunteers, and the Army is energetically preparing systematic guards.

It is noteworthy that M. Millerand has denounced the strike as part of a revolutionary plot.

There are grave apprehensions as regards the fate of Paris, owing to the scarcity of coal and foodstuffs. It is declared that if the strike lasts for a week, Paris will be in darkness. It is stated that there is a grave danger of other big Unions, including the transport workers and miners, striking in sympathy.

A GENERAL STRIKE.

Paris, February 28.
The National Federation of Railwaymen has ordered a general strike.

VICTUALLING THE COUNTRY.

Paris, February 28.
The Government is taking steps for the victualling of Paris and the country. It has given instructions that perishables lying in the goods yards must be sold quickly, the unbought surpluses being distributed gratis.

FIRM GOVERNMENT ACTION.

Paris, February 28.
In the Chamber, M. Millerand announced the decision to mobilise sections of the P. L. M. railwaymen and indicated that firm measures would be adhered to. He opined that the French would be equally keen and resourceful in breaking down the strike as the British were last October. The Government would summon an Arbitration Committee jointly composed of management and staff representatives when work was resumed. The Government's proposals were adopted by 511 votes to 270.

Reports to-night show that the situation is practically unchanged, although the mobilisation order will probably have a strong effect. Postal communications are not much affected. The *Liberte* states that the authorities have discovered the existence of a revolutionary organisation believed to be fomenting the strike.

STRIKERS DISMISSED.

London, February 28.
The Times correspondent at Paris says the railway companies are acting with equal determination to the Government. Already over 300 strikers have been dismissed, including a number of syndicalist leaders.

WILL THE MOVEMENT FAIL?

Paris, February 28.
The spread of the French railroad strike from the Paris-Mediterranean to other lines did not result in a complete tie-up of those systems. Traffic was only lightly disturbed, the suburban services being mostly affected. Despite the general strike proclamation, numbers of men have returned to work and the general impression is that the movement will fail.

The Government's swift action in ordering the mobilisation of a large number of workers has had a good effect. Supplies at Paris and other cities did not fail. No disturbance is reported. The movement is not popular.

Numerous resolutions have been passed all over the country against it. The miners' representatives telegraphed last evening to all the Unions that work is not to cease.—Havas.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

FRANCE'S MILITARY STRENGTH.

Paris, Feb. 27.
The Chamber of Deputies has adopted a bill authorising the French Government to call up the whole of the 1920 class for military service. In the course of the debate M. Briand said it was absolutely necessary that France should be able to maintain her military strength. Both France's former enemies and her friends should be given to understand she intended to play a leading part in diplomacy. She was too proud to ask her friends for charity and it was her duty to say she must have her right.—Havas.

FRENCH RAILROAD DISPUTE.

Paris, Feb. 27.
M. Millerand came back from London and had conferences with the delegates of the National Federation of Railroadmen. M. Millerand said to a journalist: "I should like nothing better than to aid these responsible. I know they must stand by one another but they know the government will do its duty." The general strike order has not been issued. Many delegates think to ask for arbitration. The strike has had little effect upon the Paris Bourse. There was, however, a falling off in orders but quotations were firm.—Havas.

N. Y. DEMOCRATS.

Albany, N.Y., March 3.
The Democratic State Convention has declared for immediate ratification of the Peace Treaty without destructive reservations and adjustment of the relations of capital and labour in order to end strikes, lock outs, and speedy repeal of federal prohibition.

MR. LANSING'S SUCCESSOR.

New York, March 3.
Bainbridge Colby, in an interview, said he was in thorough accord with the League of Nations and all the other views of President Wilson.

U. S. RAILROAD TROUBLES.

Washington, March 3.
Representatives of the railway brotherhoods have deposited a petition with Sen. Whitehouse requesting the President to veto the compromise railroad bill.

OBITUARY.

Paris, Feb. 27.
General Roques, formerly French War Minister and explorer Disauloy died yesterday.—Havas.

LATEST SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

SHANGHAI SUICIDE.

FOREIGNER SHOOT'S HIMSELF.

Shanghai, March 5.
M. Dusseldorp, the Shanghai Manager of L'Espresso Franco-Chinoise, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head, on the Rubicon Road.

NEW UNIVERSITY.

TO BE ESTABLISHED IN SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, March 5.
A University for South Western China is to be established here at a cost of \$400,000.

DANGERS OF JAPANESE LOAN.

Shanghai, March 5.
Four local organisations have addressed a note to the British, American and French Legations asserting that the Japanese Loan paves the way to a continuance of internal warfare. They charge Japan with having broken her pledges.

SINGAPORE AND AVIATION.

A GIGANTIC STATION REQUIRED.

Singapore, March 3.
The Aerial Derby Commission has appointed as its Commissioner for Malaya Mr. W. P. W. Ker, Chairman of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce. Commercial bodies and the Aero Club of Malaya have before them the most valuable problem of the age to work out by establishing in Singapore a gigantic station for all kinds of aircraft.

FOOD PRICES IN HONGKONG.

THE UPWARD TENDENCY EXPLAINED.

We interviewed Mr. H. E. Maslin, the Manager of Messrs. Getz Bros. and Co., of the Orient, Ltd., yesterday, to get an expression of opinion on the prices of imported foodstuffs into the Colony, which, compared with three years ago, are dearer than ever. When the Armistice was declared it was fondly expected that foodstuffs would be cheaper. Incidentally, it may be remarked that Messrs. Getz Bros. are the largest exporters of general food products in America, with offices in San Francisco, Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai, Kobe, and elsewhere. Messrs. Getz Bros. export food products to practically every country in the world, and in this connection the remarks of Mr. Maslin should be invested with a good deal of interest for local residents. Mr. Maslin has been in the Colony for nearly four years and has studied the conditions and the local markets to a nicety.

Mr. Maslin, in the course of an explanation of the causes the present high prices for food, said: "There has been a tremendous world-wide demand for food products of all kinds with the result that the 1918 crops and the 1919 pack of all food products in America were entirely exhausted and left surplus to be carried into 1919. While the 1918 crops were larger than the 1919 crops, the supply was quite insufficient to meet the world wide demand, especially as the United States were sending tremendous quantities of food products of all kinds to Europe. There is another feature which has had quite a bearing on the prices of all foods namely, the fact that it has been so difficult for the farmers and the producers in America to get sufficient labour. That is for two reasons; one, because practically all our younger men in the United States were taken away for the Army and many hundreds of thousands were not demobilised in time to return to the farms for planting crops for the last season or in packing the products of the crops produced. Although they were working to the fullest possible capacity so far as they could get labour to put up the products they could not get sufficient to put on the market. And in order to secure the labour which was necessary they had to pay very high wages, which was another reason. The same condition applied on the farm as in other industries in America. The various manufacturing and packing industries were requiring so much labour that they were bidding very high for it, and whereas farm labourers in the old days were usually willing to work for a fairly low wage, they found it possible to secure positions in the cities in many manufacturing industries that would pay them a rate which was much higher. They would naturally migrate to the cities unless the farmers could see their way clear to pay them an equivalent rate. The cost of labour has accounted for the dearth of food products. Personally, I do not see any possibility of lower prices in the future until after the 1920 harvest, when it is possible that the demand will be sufficiently met, and the supply and demand will more nearly equal. That is just a statement of the general position."

"What do you think of the prices locally of food products?"

"It has been my experience in Hongkong, that the local merchants add to their costs only a fair rate of return. The question of competition in many cases regulates this. The local Chinese merchants have all heavy stocks, purchased some time ago, and in a very large number of instances which came under my notice they have sold goods much below first cost in order to reduce their stocks. I doubt very seriously if any line of merchandise has been sold at a lower margin of profit than food products in Hongkong during the last year."

"That refers to tinned goods?"

"Well, it refers to all food products. In fact, anything that comes under groceries and provisions."

"Do you think the comprador makes a lot of money?"

"I am sure he does not. Many of the local merchants had placed large orders in the United States and in England for goods which were under strict embargo until the Armistice and in some cases for weeks after that. These orders were taken at the high prices which prevailed prior to that time and the goods were shipped after the Armistice when the embargo was lifted. This accounts in a way for the high priced stocks."

"Has there been a general drop in prices?"

"None. Here is one line of goods on which the price to the

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 5s. 7 3/4d.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast:—Cloudy. Barometer: 30.23. Temperature 2 p.m.:—56. Humidity 2 p.m.:—79.

RECENT BURGLARY.

ARRESTED MAN SENTENCED.

A surprising measure of coolness was indicated in a burglary carried out on Saturday morning on a Chinese residence at No. 6 Percival Street, Wanchai. The thieves gained admittance to the house through a window in the backyard. By boring a hole through the wooden door of the kitchen, of a sufficient size to admit the passage of a hand, they were able to lift the cross bar which secured the door on the inside. A basket placed in a passage was carried bodily by them into the backyard where its contents—a quantity of clothing—were secured by tilting it upside down. The robbers then returned to the house, entered a sleeping room, and next proceeded to pull out two drawers, from the chest. These they also carried into the backyard, and investigated the contents, which consisted of money, clothing and jewellery, to the total value of \$210. All these proceedings were carried out whilst the inmates were sleeping soundly, and they were not known of until the later hours of the morning. The Police were informed, and an arrest was effected at a certain pawnshop where the prisoner had repaired with a view to redeeming a serge jacket pawned by him on the previous day. In his pockets he had eleven other pawn-tickets relating to some of the things stolen in the burglary. His legs at the time were adorned with two pairs of women's trousers, and another two pairs, wrapped up in a piece of paper, were carried on his arm. These pieces of clothing were identified as being theirs by female tenants of the burgled house. Evidence was produced before the Court by Inspector Kent to-day, and the arrested burglar was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Theatre Royal—Boxing Tournament—9.15 p.m.

Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 9.15 p.m.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TOMORROW.

Coronet Theatre—3.15 and 9.15 p.m.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

Hongkong merchant on March 1st, 1919, was \$3.80 (gold) per dozen, f.o.b. America. The price of the same stuff locally now is gold \$5.10 per dozen f.o.b. America. Similar instances could be multiplied time after time. The law of supply and demand has operated. The dearth of food products is attributable to the higher cost of labour, which is, of course, a world-wide condition and to the phenomenal demand.

"Do you think that we are paying higher prices than any other part of the East?"

"No. As a rule the selling prices of the retail merchants in the Eastern territories are on an equal basis. Local competition makes it impossible for them to secure exorbitant prices. I know of a local store which purchased so heavily in 1919 that they had to get a suitable godown for storing the goods that came in after the Armistice."

"Is there any possibility of food prices reverting to pre-war standards?"

"I cannot see any possibility of prices reverting to those that ruled before the war, with the cost of labour so high. Again, interest and taxes that have to be paid have to enter into the costs."

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CANADA AND CHINA TRADE.

PREPARATIONS FOR EASTERN TOUR.

The Vancouver correspondent of *Finance and Commerce* (Shanghai) writes under date of January 22nd thus:—Arrangements are being rapidly completed for the visit of the first Canadian trade delegation to the Orient. The party, which will leave Vancouver early in April and return late in July, will number about 20 and will be headed by Mr. Chris. Spencer, president of Vancouver Board of Trade. Mr. W. E. Payne, Secretary of the Board, will manage the tour, assisted by Mr. G. Kadama, Secretary of Mr. Tamura, a well-known Japanese merchant here.

Leading merchants in different lines of industry are to make the trip. For example, Messrs. Chris. Spencer and J. P. D. Malkin respectively represent probably the largest retail and wholesale houses in western Canada; Messrs. John Hanbury and Earle McNair are extensively interested in the overseas lumber business; Mr. Blake Wilson is western manager for the P. Burns packing and cattle firm, whose name is known on the whole American continent; Mr. Horbert Geddes, managing director of Gault Bros., another great Canadian concern, has also booked his passage for the trip.

OBJECTS OF THE TOUR.

Closer relations between British and Chinese and Japanese business firms and the investigation of the opportunities in trade are the chief objects of the tour, which is the culmination of a steady bombardment of requests during past years by Oriental merchants. The party expect to reach Yokohama about April 11, and from there will visit Tokyo, Kobe, Miyajima, Nagasaki, go across the Strait of Fusan to Antung and on to Mukden, from there to Tientsin, Peking, and to Hankow, down the Yangtze to Nanking to Shanghai. From Shanghai the party will take steamer to Hongkong, and from there go to Manila, then, via Honolulu and San Francisco, to Vancouver. The tour, which will be one of the most comprehensive ever planned, will enable the party to view and study all the important industries. Assurances have been given by the Chinese and Japanese Consuls here that both Governments will offer every facility to the travellers.

The visit will be the first effective reply to Sir George Bury's stern warning "Wake up Canada." Sir George, since his return from across the Pacific, has been telling Canadian merchants through the Press that they are "asleep at the switch." To save national disaster they must get after foreign trade, he says. "Manufacturers must get out of their revolving office chairs" and fit themselves to handle the business that China and Japan are offering. They must take more trouble to meet the wishes of the Oriental consumer by supplying more samples and

better information regarding their products, and send only the best men obtainable to study the markets and get or place their orders.

TRANS-PACIFIC LUMBER TRADE.

Interesting figures recently compiled show that 62,000,000 ft. of lumber were shipped from mills on the mainland of British Columbia to foreign ports in 1919. Over 40,000,000 ft. went to the United Kingdom as against 14,000,000 in 1918. Big export gains were also shown in Japanese trade. Japan received 1,150,000 ft. in 1919 against 500,000 in 1918, China received 11,000,000 ft. compared to 18,000,000 the year before. In 1919, 28 cargoes of British Columbia lumber left the mainland for Britain and 11 for China.

A great expansion in trade in all spheres of industry is looked for during the next decade by Mr. E. W. Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Mr. Beatty says that in expending three and a half million dollars on a new pier his concern was only doing what is deemed absolutely necessary to take care of the increasing trade out of this port. "Vancouver is going to be the greatest port on the Pacific in time," he said in an interview, and this railway magnate had his mind on China and Japan, when he uttered those words.

C. P. R. TO SPEND MILLIONS.

One of the most cheering items of news to those whose future prosperity is linked up with the expansion of Canadian and external trade was the recent announcement by the C. P. R. that after five years of curtailment of expenditure (outside of maintenance charges) the company was immediately making appropriations running into many millions of dollars for the prosecution of works and constructions delayed owing to the war. The sums to be spent in places extending from Atlantic to Pacific are almost staggering in their quantities, and as this coast is marked out for most generous treatment in the respect, to make the harbours replete with the most modern facilities for handling cargoes of the biggest ships, the faith of the company in the Oriental outlook is considered bright indeed.

GOVERNMENT'S PREPARATIONS.

Coupled with this is the activity of the Federal Government, who are expected daily to announce the award of a subsidy to one of three firms to build a drydock here. Then there is the acquisition recently by another railway of extensive water frontage to provide adequate facilities for handling the much increased trans-Pacific trade it also sees looming ahead. It is believed in shipping circles that the men behind these great corporations already feel certain that the deplorable lack of tonnage will be steadily overcome before long and that when sea transportation handicaps have been removed they will be ready with their enormously improved port and rail equipment to take care of all the business.

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"An interesting speculation," says the statement given out by the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, under a grant from which Dr. Goddard is working out his experiment, "is on the possibility of sending to the surface of the dark part of the new moon a sufficient amount of the most brilliant flash powder which, being ignited on impact, would be plainly visible in a powerful telescope. This would be the only way possible of proving that the rocket had really left the attraction of the earth, as the apparatus would never come back, once it had escaped that attraction. While this experiment would be of little obvious scientific value, its successful trial would be of great general interest, as the first actual contact between a planet and a satellite."

The rocket will go up through the 230 miles which will take it near the outer limits of the earth's atmosphere in 6 1/2 minutes, it is expected. To thus send a rocket beyond the influence of the earth requires an "initial mass" of 1,274 pounds, according to the statement. The highest level so far reached with instruments is nineteen miles, and this was done with a free balloon.

The announcement says in part:

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U. S. ARMY STOCKS.

SOLD CHEAPLY IN FRANCE.

Antwerp, January 4.—Almost \$800,000,000 was realized from the sale of American army stocks remaining in France after the departure of the American army, said Brig-Gen. W. D. Connor, Chief of Staff of the American Department of Supply, who sailed to-day for America. Gen. Connor said he had estimated the value of the stocks at \$1,700,000,000 and that it would have cost \$75,000,000 to take the stocks back to America. The United States, therefore, received a little less than 50 cents of the dollar for the supplies that were sold.

The selling of army stocks was the best thing the American Government could do, the general said. Had they been retained in various countries, great losses would have been entailed, as the expense would have been heavy. France paid \$400,000,000 for stocks it took over, while other Allies and smaller nations purchased supplies for \$360,000,000. As an offset against the stocks bought by France, that country undertook to pay damage claims amounting to several million dollars as a result of American operation in training areas. When the American Army went to France it was agreed that farms and buildings used by it in training would be left in the same condition as found. Miles of trenches were dug and buildings were demolished, and American forces were rushed into Germany before the land could be restored to its former condition.

Gen. Connor again emphatically denied the old story that the French made the American Army pay for the trenches it occupied in France. "The whole truth," he said, "is that the American Army has not paid a cent for any ground used or for anything destroyed at the front."

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TRIAD SOCIETY.

ARREST OF BLACKMAILER.

Another member of that notorious band of denizens of Hong Kong's "underworld," the Triad Society, was to-day arraigned before Mr. N. L. Smith, who passed a sentence of four weeks' hard labour. In the capture of the miscreant, Mr. Mok, the master of the Methodist Mission English School in Bridges Street, lent a helping hand to the Police. The case was brought to his notice yesterday, when the foki of a shoemaker's shop in Stanton Street came to the school for the loan of a sum of \$10 for his master, who wanted to pay it to a gang of three Triad Society scallywags who had come to his shop and demanded the amount. Mr. Mok, on learning the facts, gave a \$5 bill to the foki, after having put a mark of identification on it, with his initials. The foki then returned to his shop, and Mr. Mok set about to lay the blackmailing ruffians by the heels. He enlisted the aid of two native policemen and they took their stations outside the shoemaker's shop, ready to swoop down upon the men as they emerged from it.

What actually happened inside the shop was related by the foki himself. He told the Magistrate that the Triad Society men when they came into his shop, demanded \$10 from his master. They made an attempt to "save their faces" by taking refuge in an accusation that the master of the shop trafficked in opium. Threats of bodily harm accompanied the demand, which was finally qualified to a sum of \$5, to keep within the master's present means. This concession the master could not avail himself of, as he had not even that small sum, and as the attitude of the blackmailers was very truculent on the question of an immediate payment, he had to send the foki in question to Mr. Mok and obtain a loan. On his return, the blackmailers, who were apprehensive of their safety whilst in the shop, insisted that the money should be paid outside in the street. This was accordingly done. The money was paid to the man who is now the prisoner, and the other blackmailers made their escape by taking an opposite route. The prisoner also attempted to escape, but he was chased by Mr. Mok and the policemen and at length arrested.

COMPANY REPORT.

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The accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1919, have been closed and show a net profit of \$1,633,836.73. After deducting the previous year's debit balance of \$365,049.96 there is left \$1,268,786.77 which the General Agents (Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.) and the Consulting Committee recommend should be dealt with as follows:

To pay a Dividend of 25 per cent absorbing...	500,000.00
To place to Sugar Fluctuation a/c...	500,000.00
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To pay a Bonus to Staff...	25,000.00
To carry forward to New a/c...	33,806.77
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Subject to audit, the Directors of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., will at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders, to be held on 20th instant, recommend the following allocation of profits:

To pay a Dividend of 80 cents per share...\$330,000

To place to Reserve Fund... 50,000

To write off Launches & Lighters (an additional)... 50,000

To Bonus to Provident Fund... 25,000

To Bonus to Works Manager on his retirement... 10,000

And to carry forward to the Credit of next year's account... 114,843.21

\$569,843.21

BILLIARDS.

The following are the next three matches in the Open Billiard Championship of the Colony:

Monday, 8th March.—J. Parkes v. P. A. Yvanovich.
Tuesday, 9th March.—J. K. Kwok v. W. E. Crocker.
Wednesday, 10th March.—A. G. Pile v. Lt. I. B. Golding.
The games commence at 8.30 p.m. sharp.

WAR MEDALS.

PRESENTED TO MEN OF THE WILTSHIRES

H.E. Major-General Ventris, the G.O.C., at the annual general inspection of the 2nd Battalion of the Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire) Regiment this morning presented a number of war medals to the members of the Regiment.

After the inspection the following were called up and given their decorations:—

MILITARY MEDALS.

C. S. M. Holloway, D.Co.—This Sergeant Major was in charge of a patrol near Locon, on August 10, 1918. He located an enemy post and under his initiative the post was attacked and the enemy line forced to retire, allowing our own troops to continue the advance which had been previously checked.

Sergeant E. Rogers, B.Co.—This sergeant was signalling sergeant of the 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment, and during an inter-battalion relief on 10th August, 1917, the enemy counter-attacked. This N.C.O. did valuable work in maintaining connections between the Battalion Headquarters and the Company, and also the Brigade Headquarters.

Private C. Roster, C.Co.—This private was employed as a runner at Battalion Headquarters. He carried messages during the German offensive near Ghumy, during the period between May 29th and June 6, 1918. He did excellent work in carrying messages under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire between Brigade Headquarters and the front line.

1914 AND 1915 STARS.

The 1914 and 1915 Stars were presented to the following:—

C.O.M.S. W. Buckland, B.Co.—He was a prisoner of war for four and half years. Presented with the 1914 Star.

Sergeant A. Monaghan, "B" Co.—Previously in receipt of the Military Medal, and now the 1915 Star.

Corporal J. King, J. Co. Private Rosier, "C" Co. Pte. W.C.L. Govier, "B" Co. Pte. E. Miles, "D" Co., were presented with the 1914 Stars, and Pte. H. Coul Drake, C.Co., the 1915 Star.

These Stars had been in the Record Office at Home and have only lately reached the Colony. There are many in the Regiment who have to receive the 1915 Stars, and these will be presented when they arrive.

ORIENTAL FILM.

FINE PICTURE AT THE CORONET.

"East is East and West is West, and never the twain will meet." The spirit which prompted Rudyard Kipling into penning this familiar couplet forms the theme of the Oriental play, "For the Freedom of the East," now being screened by the Coronet. The scene is said to be laid in China and to add to its attractiveness, the producers have sought to give the story a strong Oriental atmosphere. Miss Tsien Mei has the distinction of being the first, and at present, the only leading Chinese actress of the European screen and she adds to this distinction by histrionic talent of a very high order. As a Chinese princess with Occidental ideas on love and the importance it must play in the selection of a husband, she is convincing.

The efforts of those concerned in the management of the Coronet in surrounding the picture with a thoroughly oriental atmosphere by the acquisition of a Chinese orchestra met with disappointing results at the 515 show yesterday, when the audience, or the European part of it, signified its disapproval of being treated too long to a Chinese overture, by sundry thumpings on the floor with their feet. However, everything readjusted itself when the picture which it must be admitted, is an excellent one, was screened. It is a most powerful and finely acted play and no-one should miss seeing it.

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Results of examination held at the Italian Convent arrived yesterday and are as follow:—

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Elementary.—Nellie Johansen, Ruby Rumlahn, Minnie McGrann, Esme Alvares, Cynthia Tavares, Lucy Noronha, Theresa Gill, Agnes Ismail, Alda Remedios, Leonor Gomes, Dorothy May, Grace Marshall and Lea Liniott.

It is gratifying to add that all candidates who presented themselves at the examination have been successful. A class for beginners will open on the 14th inst.

DAY BY DAY.

Capt. Lewington is, we regret to say, ill in the French Convent Hospital with pneumonia.

Macao's first flying boat is to be christened to-morrow afternoon by H. E. the Governor of Macao at 4.30 p.m.

To-morrow's Pictorial Supplement will include a photograph of Sir John Jordan, who is due here to-morrow on the Kashmir on his way Home, photographs taken at the Chamber of Commerce dinner to the Hon. Mr. Severn, a group of the 22nd Punjab winners in the Marathon Race, and a picture of the Hongkong crew in the recent Rowing Regatta.

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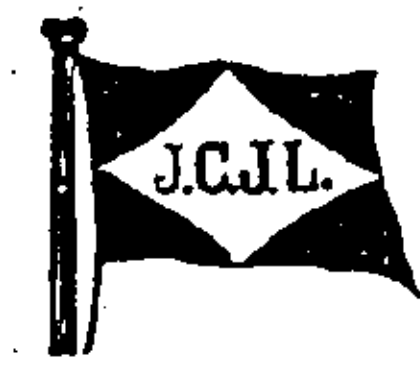
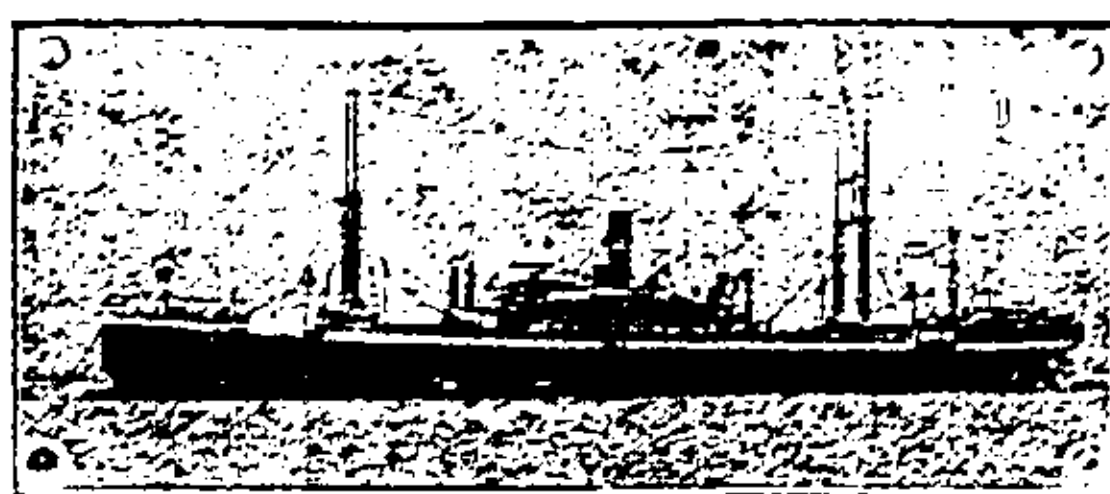
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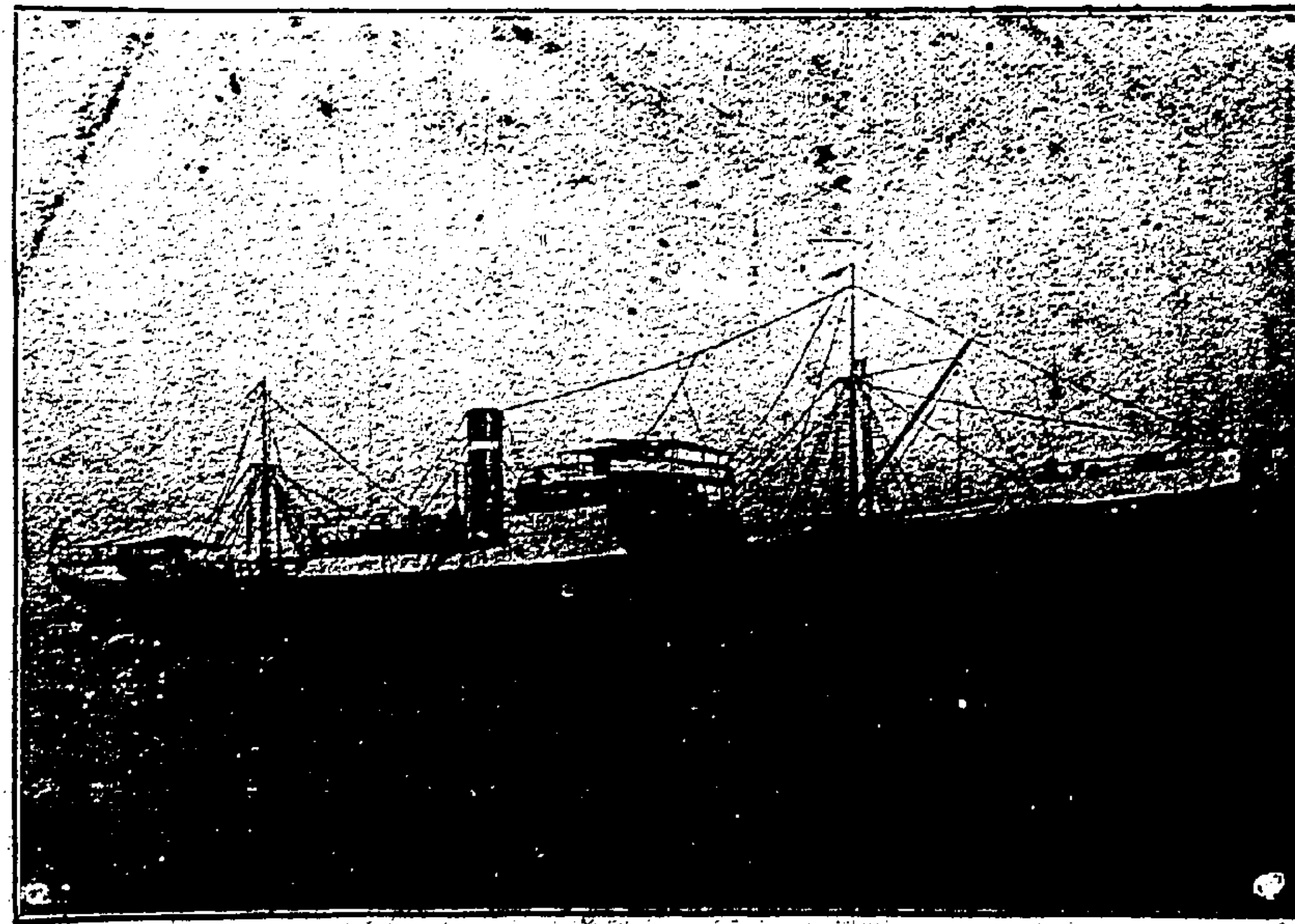
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Hongkong, Mar. 5, 1920.

WEATHER REPORT.

March 5d. 12h. 30m.—No return from Japan, and Vladivostok. Pressure has increased slightly to moderately at stations reporting, the anticyclone having increased in intensity. Strong monsoon will prevail along the China coast, and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.9 inch. Total since January 1st, 3.07 inches, against an average of 3.47 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast

1 Hongkong to Gap Rock. N. and N.E. winds, strong, clearing, some drizzling rain.

2 Formosa Channel. The same as No. 1.

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